



A DOG'S LIFE

Chaining and Your Community

Sample Letters to the Editor (LTE)

The recent dog attack in *location* illustrates one of the major problems that results from chaining dogs for long periods of time (*article name, date of story*). According to one study, chained dogs are nearly three times more likely to bite than dogs who are not kept chained. Despite this obvious danger, many pet owners still keep their dogs outside on a chain.

Dogs who live chained up outside suffer from extreme isolation. Initial periods of boredom and loneliness later become territorial and aggressive behavior. The lack of socialization creates fearful dogs who act quickly and fiercely to defend their territory from all intruders, including other animals, people, and even small children.

If *location* wants to prevent future dog attacks, then an ordinance should be passed to ban (*or significantly restrict*) dog chaining.

It's great to see that *location* is finally considering an ordinance that would ban (*or restrict*) the chaining of dogs (*article name, date of story*). According to one study, chained dogs are nearly three times more likely to bite than dogs who are not kept chained.

Over thirty different states have communities with ordinances that ban, limit time, or set care standards for chained dogs. By banning (*or restricting*) dog chaining, *location* is moving in the right direction to create a safer community.



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